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25 Years

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*Immaculate Heart of Mary Church*

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May 23, 1978

Beloved Parishioner,

The enclosed book is a word and picture history of the first twenty five years of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.

Last Fall the Twenty-Fifth Jubilee Committee felt strongly that there should be a commemorative book which the parishioners deserved to have.

Dr. David Riede, Professor at Akron University, volunteered to undertake the task of writing it. In a true historian's way he proceeded to dig into the archives of the parish; official documents, campaign literature, old newspaper articles, Sunday Bulletins, official parish records and contracts that had been signed for construction of the different buildings.

Several from the committee collaborated in selecting the pictures from the hundreds we have. Chronologically they selected the ones that they felt would significantly tell the history.

It is with the compliments of the parish that this 25th Anniversary Commemorative History is sent to you. We trust it will be a part of your family treasure.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Father McIntyre*





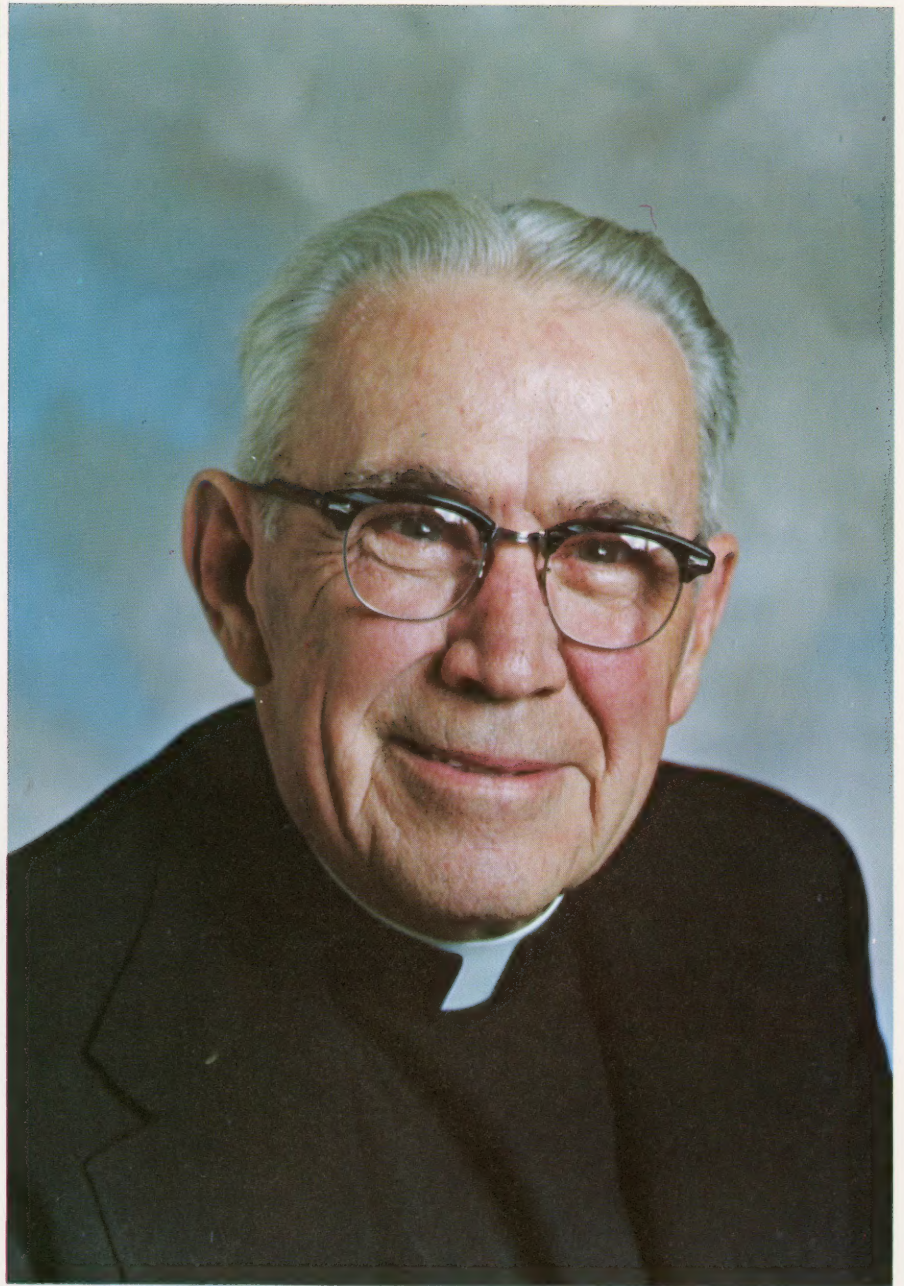
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish  
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio  
Twenty-fifth Anniversary 1952 — 1977



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Rev. Thomas D. McIntyre  
Born September 6, 1908  
Ordained May 26, 1934  
Assistant, Our Lady of Peace, 1934-44  
Assistant, St. Joseph 1944-52  
Pastor, Immaculate Heart of Mary 1952 —



Rev. Robert E. Clancy (l)  
Born July 19, 1948  
Ordained June 6, 1974  
Associate Pastor, IHM 1974 —

Rev. Mark J. Peyton (r)  
Born February 8, 1951  
Ordained June 11, 1977  
Associate Pastor, IHM 1977 —





Immaculate Heart of Mary School  
Built 1953-54  
Addition built 1959-60

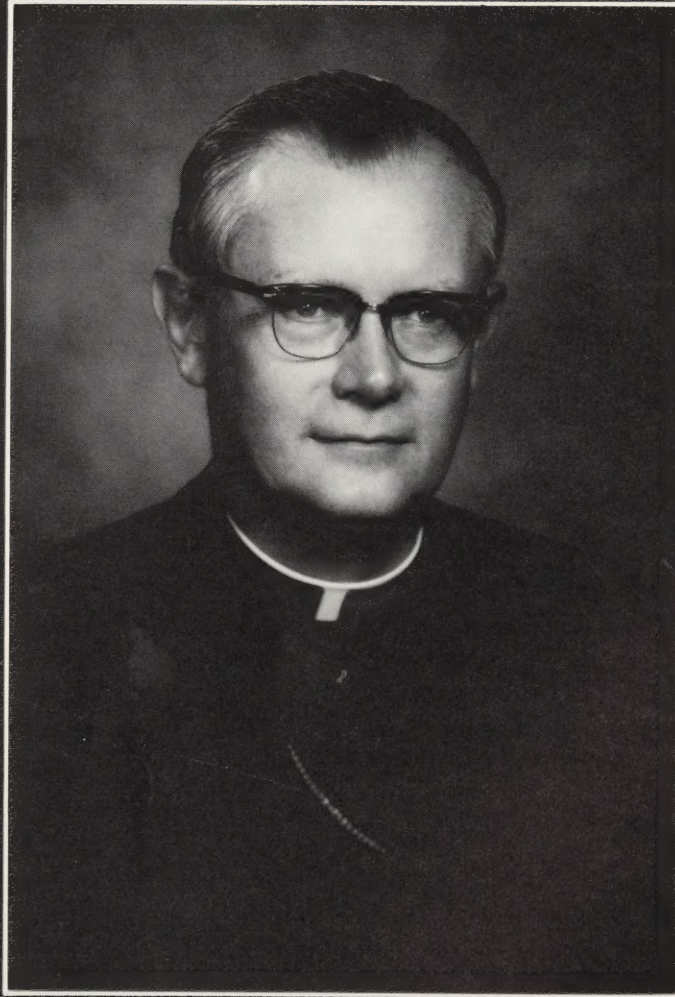


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Built 1956

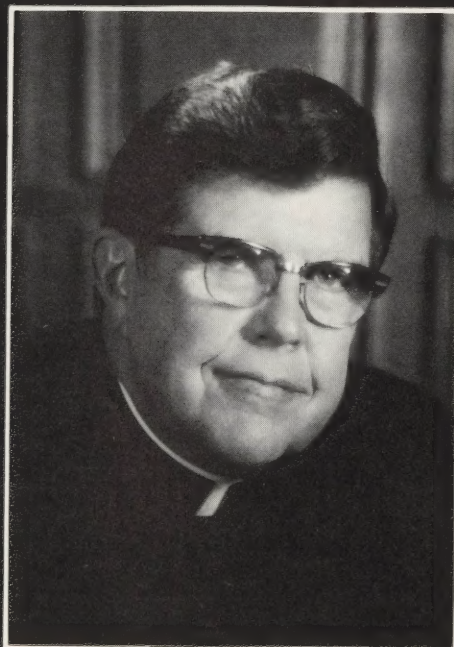


Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent  
Built 1958-59





Most Rev. James A. Hickey, STD JCD  
Ordained June 15, 1946  
Consecrated April 14, 1967  
Bishop of Cleveland 1974 —

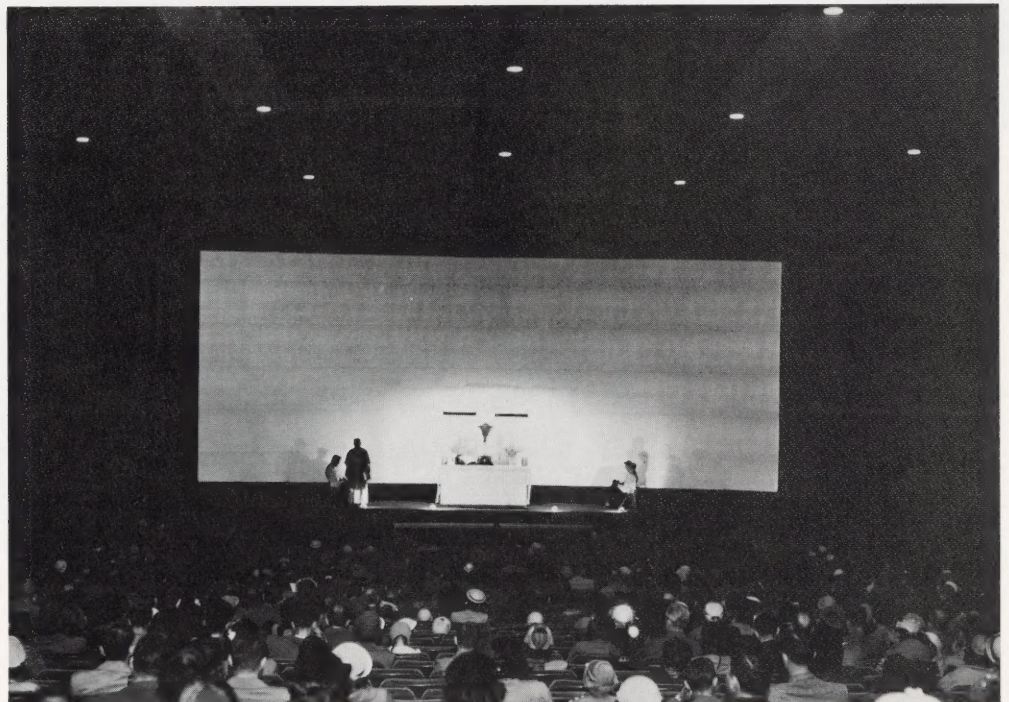


Most Rev. Michael J. Murphy, DD STL  
Ordained February 28, 1942  
Consecrated June 11, 1976  
Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland  
and Vicar of Summit County 1976 —



"We hereby decree the establishment of a new parish. This parish is erected under the patronage of, and shall be known as, the Parish of the Immaculate Heart of Mary." With these words, the Most Reverend Archbishop Edward F. Hoban established Immaculate Heart of Mary parish on August 22, 1952. At that time, there were about 471 families within the boundaries of the parish, which roughly were: Ohio Avenue on the south; the Cuyahoga River on the west; Northampton Township line on the north and 6th Street on the east. Father Thomas D. McIntyre, assistant pastor of St. Joseph Parish was named pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The Diocese owned two and a half improved acres bounded by Lindbergh Avenue and 21st Street, for which it had paid \$19,000, but the site was felt to be too small for a church and a school. Therefore Father McIntyre searched for a larger parcel of land somewhere in the northwest section of Cuyahoga Falls. Ten unimproved acres, bounded by Portage Trail and Lillis Drive was for sale and, working through Outlook Realty and Mr. Fred Smead, an even trade was arranged.



Mass in the State Theater



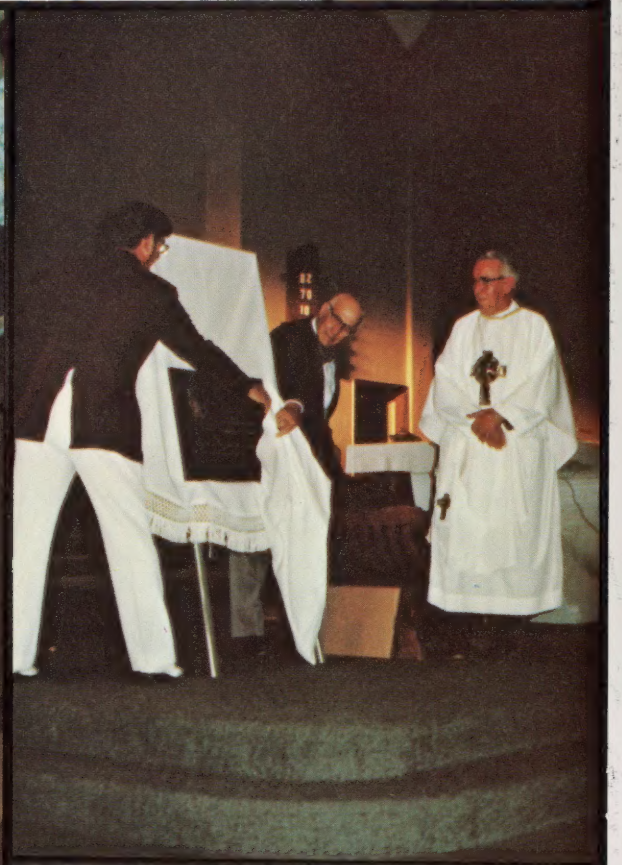
Father McIntyre breaking ground for the new Rectory



CCD Teachers Dinner



Are Our Skirts the Right Length?



Unveiling Father's 40th Anniversary Plaque





25th Anniversary Senior Citizens Luncheon



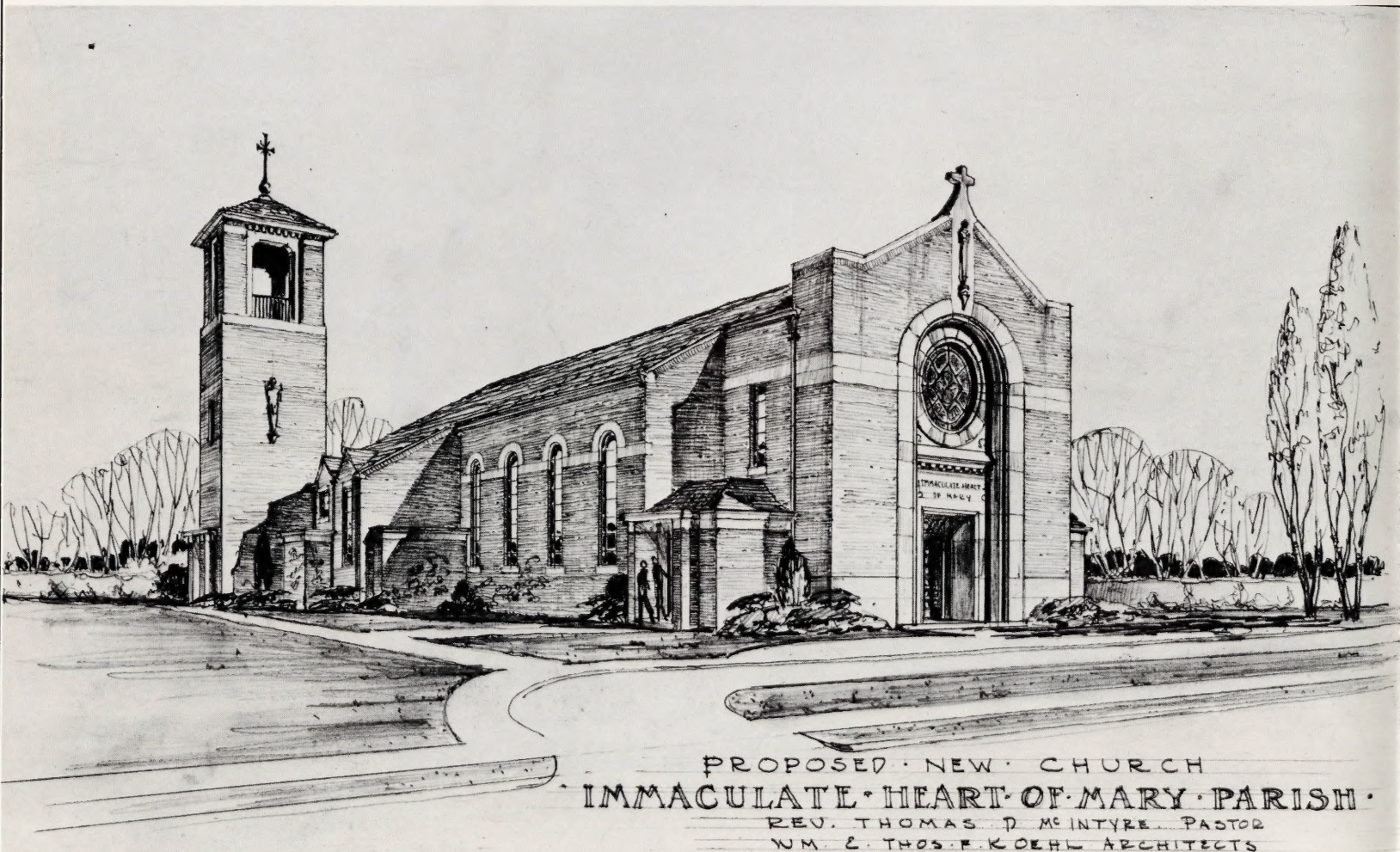
25th Anniversary Fireworks Display over the Church



The first Mass of the new parish was offered in the State Theater on September 7, 1952. Father McIntyre was the celebrant and Monsignor John F. Gallagher, pastor of St. Joseph's preached the sermon. From September 1952 until April 1954, the State Theater was the "church" for the parishioners, thanks to the kindness and generosity of its owner, Mr. Moses (Moe) B. Horwitz. After the new church was built, the parish presented Mr. Horwitz a sterling tea service as a token of its appreciation.

A Founders Building Fund Committee was organized to raise funds for the new church and school, and Frank Krause and Edgar Raub were Co-Chairmen. The Vice-Chairmen were Michael Cummins, E. E. Gruber, John Lange and Emil Loell. John Fitzgerald served as Secretary and Dr.

Frank Traster as Treasurer. Paul Hayden was the Auditor of the Committee, the Corresponding Secretary was John Mundy and Kenneth Cole served as Publicity Chairman. After the Committee analyzed both the financial condition and the future growth possibilities of the parish, it set a goal of \$100,000, which would assure the construction of two permanent structures — a church and a school. The consensus of the Committee was that it would be more economical to construct separate buildings for church and school, since, being a young parish, the population would soon outgrow a single school-church building. Therefore the parishioners were told "We plan to build a 12 classroom school and the exterior of a church to seat over seven hundred. These buildings are designed with an eye on economy and on the anticipated growth of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish." The reason for building only the exterior, or shell, of a church was that "no major change need be made later in exterior design but a great amount of inside space can be obtained at a minimum cost now. Much interior work and beautification will be delayed until later years." How prophetic this was to be, since the interior of the church was not finished until 1968.





On the eve of the pledge drive, Father McIntyre received a letter of support from Archbishop Hoban who said in part, "The religious education of children is of prime importance in any community and I am entrusting to you and your people the sacred trust of providing them a parish school at the earliest possible moment. It is your special privilege to add another vineyard to God's Kingdom on earth and I assure you that your reward will be the choicest of God's blessing on a parish of truly Catholic families." The Archbishop's trust was well placed, since one of the primary objectives of both the pastor and the parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary for the past twenty-five years, has been the education of the children.

The fund raising drive got under way on February 22, 1953, when 144 men called on every family in the parish and asked for their pledge to help raise the \$100,000 needed to build the church and the school. Within four hours the job was done — \$110,000 had been promised — and more than \$100,000 was finally collected. Immediately a contract was signed with William and Thomas Koehl, Cleveland church architects, to draw up plans for the two buildings. The architects renderings show a bell tower at the left rear of the church, but because of a tight budget, the tower was eliminated from the plans and has never been built. After the drawings were approved contracts were let and on July 19, 1953, Monsignor Edward Conry, pastor of St. Vincent Church and Dean of the Akron Deanery, broke ground for the new church.



Msgr. Conry surrounded by Fr. Logue, Msgr. Gallagher, Frs. Donohoe, Lesniak, J. McIntyre and T. McIntyre



Under the personal supervision of James T. Horgan, Vice President of the Carmichael Construction Company, the church slowly took shape and the enthusiasm of the parishioners grew. Groups began to organize and a parish family slowly came to life. The first Anniversary Dance and Social was held in September, 1953 at St. Joseph's auditorium, with Mr. Richard Rowland in charge. Tickets were seventy-five cents per person. In the next month, October, the St. Vincent de Paul Society was formed with Paul Hayden the first President and O. P. (Hibbie) Hibinger the Vice-President. Mr. E. E. Gruber was Secretary and Edward Sullivan was Treasurer. In the 25th year of the parish, the St. Vincent de Paul society is still flourishing and Mr. Edward Sullivan remains Treasurer of the group.

While Masses were being said in the State Theater, the altar used was one made especially for the stage by Mr. Michael Filing. Each Sunday morning it was rolled out onto the stage and then back to its storage afterwards. Three women — Mrs. Bruce Kennedy, Mrs. Thomas Connelly and Mrs. James Titmas — prepared the altar each Sunday morning and the flowers were supplied by Mrs. Dick.

November 1, 1953 is an important date in the history of the parish, for it was then that Monsignor Gallagher laid the cornerstone of the church. The day was a beautiful one and the parishioners gathered in the church, sitting on folding chairs to witness the ceremony. The walls of the church reached barely to window level and naturally there was no roof. However it was warm enough that a suit coat or light jacket was sufficient.

The cornerstone, which is now located behind the pulpit on the left side of the main altar, contains a small copper box. Inside the box there is a copy of the *Universe Bulletin* of Friday, October 30, 1953; a copy of the *Akron Beacon Journal* of Sunday, November 1, 1953; a short history of the parish; a medal of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; circulars from the Founders Building Fund; coins bearing the date of 1953; a copy of the November 1, 1953 St. Joseph Church *Pulpit Echo* and a scroll containing the names of the Founders Building Fund contributors.

Work on the church progressed steadily during the winter and on Easter Sunday April 18, 1954, the long awaited day arrived — the first Mass in the new church. The church was packed for the 9:00 AM



Today the main aisle of the church



Mass, and folding chairs were put up along the side aisles to accommodate all those who attended. Father McIntyre was the celebrant, Msgr. Gallagher preached the sermon and Michael Hayden was Master of Ceremonies. Servers at the first Mass were Nicholas Bolanz, Richard Hayes, Thomas Clark and Timothy Wilcox. Ushers were Edgar Raub, Emil Loell, Frank Krause, George Haidnick and Harry Zimmerman. Sister Annella directed the St. Joseph choir and Jeannette Buehrle was the organist. Mrs. Murray Powers, organist at St. Joseph's played at both the 8 and 11 AM Masses that day. The organ, a small Hammond, was more suited for a living room of a home than a church, but its use was graciously donated by Mr. J. Milt Rowe. Eventually, after many years of service, Father McIntyre bought the organ and it is still in use in the Convent chapel. As a matter of record, the collection on that Easter Sunday was \$3,108.75.

In the afternoon, the first Baptisms took place in the new church. Three children had the distinction of being first: James Moran, son of James and Rebecca Moran; Charles Ingersoll, son of Leonard and Geraldine Ingersoll and Marian Rich, daughter of Victor and Ruth Rich. Also on that Easter Sunday, Mr. Howard Laubert, a convert, was the first person to make his First Holy Communion in the church. He had been baptised at St. Joseph's by Father McIntyre on the day before.

Since the church was not yet completed, only Sunday Masses were said in the building for several months, with the daily Masses continuing to be said at St. Joseph's. The Blessed Sacrament was not reserved permanently in the church until September 12. The interior of the church was left unfinished, as had been agreed in 1952, and rough cinder blocks made up the vertical walls while the steel support beams in the roof were visible as well as the wooden planks on the underside of the roof. Since the chandeliers, made at the Falls Hollow Staybolt Co. by five parishioners, Ed Raub, E. E. Gruber, John Lang, Jim Ray and Paul Earley, were not ready, bare light bulbs were the only means of lighting the interior. In addition the large corpus, which eventually hung over the main altar was not ready, so a small crucifix was used on the altar. This corpus came from Oberammergau, Germany, and was donated by Margaret Broderick. The pulpit, still in use, was donated by John Pfeiffer. The curved pews were not the best, since they were



Construction of the first altar



Msgr. Gallagher laying the Cornerstone





old and rough and many parishioners picked up splinters in their clothing from time to time. The pews had been given to the parish by St. Anne's church in Cleveland, which had acquired them in 1915 from a Baptist church in downtown Cleveland which had been demolished. When Immaculate Heart of Mary parish purchased new pews in 1969, the old ones were given to a small Baptist church which was just being organized. Thus the pews, now almost one hundred years old, are still in use and back in a Baptist church where they started.

On May 2, 1954, another first occurred in the new church — 92 boys and girls made their First Holy Communion. Then on May 29, 1954, the first wedding took place between John Robb and Frances Hibinger. Because of the mud around the church, it was somewhat inconvenient for the young couple, but everything went as scheduled. Sidewalks and the drive in front of the church were not completed until September, at the cost of \$6,000, thus helping keep the parishioners out of the mud.

In the meantime, construction of the school continued and it was finally ready for classes on September 9, 1954. On that opening day, 391 students were registered, and eight classrooms were in use. Sister Marie Pierre was principal of the school and Sisters Maureen, Felice, Marilyn, Jane and Patrina, along with Mrs. Rettinger and Miss Justen comprised the faculty. The following June, sixteen boys and eight girls made up the first graduating class of Immaculate Heart of Mary grade school.

At the time of the school opening it was noted in the parish bulletin that in addition to the basic cost of construction of the school there were additional bills such as \$1,453 for a used school bus to transport pupils and \$4,000 for the new desks in the school.

The first Novena was held from November 30 through December 8, 1954. The closing day marked the end of the Marian Year which had been proclaimed by Pope Pius XII to mark the 100th anniversary of the proclamation of the Immaculate Conception. Rev. John F. McNally, former assistant pastor of St. Joseph's, conducted the novena. During that week, on December 5, an open house was held in both the church and the school from 1:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon. Originally the open house had been planned for



September, but had been postponed since sidewalk construction around the school had been delayed due to bad weather.

Early in 1955, Rosary Altar Confraternity, an organization which has grown both in size and importance in the twenty-five year history of the parish, was formed, with Mrs. Leonard Ingersoll serving as the first President. Rosary Altar Confraternity over the years has performed a myriad of duties and services for the parish and from its various projects has raised large sums of money. All of this money has been placed at the disposal of the pastor, for use in the parish at his discretion. The best known projects and services of the organization have included dances, lawn fetes, card parties, bake sales, Holly Fairs, cookbook sales and the Mother of Sorrows committee. In addition it has been the ladies of Rosary Altar who have kept the church clean, the flowers on the altars, the church linens in good condition and quietly but efficiently performed other numerous tasks which are so necessary to the smooth functioning of a parish.

Other parish societies soon followed and the Holy Name Society was established on April 10, 1956. Its first President was Vincent McDevitt while Philip Horan served as Vice-President. James Clark was the first Secretary and the Treasurer was Francis Brosnihan. The two delegates to the council were John Fitzgerald and Edgar Raub. Then on August 22, 1957, five years after the establishment of the parish, the Legion of Mary was founded with Elizabeth Lang as its first President. The Junior Legion of Mary was founded in February, 1976 with Mrs. Harold Reaman as President.

The formal dedication of the church and school took place on May 22, 1955, two years and nine months after the founding of the parish. A Solemn Pontifical Mass was celebrated at 11:30 AM by Archbishop Edward F. Hoban, assisted by Msgr. John F. Gallagher and Father McIntyre. Rev. Anthony J. Winters of St. Patrick parish in Cleveland was Deacon and Rev. James Viall was sub-deacon. Rev. M. E. Cummings, then of St. Mary's, Hudson, and Rev. J. Leo Brennan of Holy Family in Stow, were Deacons of Honor. Msgr. James P. McIntyre, director of the Propagation of the Faith and brother of the pastor, preached the sermon. After the Mass, there was a dinner for the clergy which was followed by an open house in both the school and church. The Apostolic Delegate to the United States, Archbishop A. F. Cicognani, informed Father McIntyre by letter that Pope Pius XII wished to impart his special Apostolic Benediction upon all members of the parish, as well as everyone who had joined in celebrating the dedication.

After all these dedications, openings and founding of organizations associated with a new parish, life settled down to a rather steady pace. Odds and ends still needed finishing, especially the landscaping



Putting in the Pews



The First Mass





Construction of the School Progresses



Dedication Mass

around the church and school. This was done in the early years by Joseph Conway and Emil Loell and the men of the parish, while in recent years it has been done through the generosity of Mr. Bernard Gambacini.

Ever since the parish had been established, Father McIntyre had commuted from his residence at St. Joseph's rectory, to the church and the school. The rapid growth of the parish placed a great strain on him and soon the parishioners began planning for the building of a rectory. In addition there was no hope of securing the services of an assistant pastor without a rectory. Therefore, it was decided that there should be a one day campaign for funds, and the goal was set at \$30,000. According to a letter sent to all the parishioners on October 13, 1955, "This is to be a whirlwind campaign because we will start building as soon as enough money is pledged. The entire cost of the rectory must be raised because it is not possible to borrow any more money. The rectory must be built on a pay-as-you-go plan."

During the afternoon of October 16, 201 men visited the homes of parishioners asking them to pledge funds for the rectory. At the end of the day, the goal had not only been achieved, but surpassed. Eventually a total of \$35,000 was *collected* for the rectory and the actual building got underway in January, 1956. Without strikes or bad weather to slow the construction, the rectory was ready for occupancy in November. The parish now had not only a home for its pastor, but the services of an assistant, since on June 7, 1956, Father Robert Hanzo, a newly ordained priest, had been appointed assistant pastor. In addition the parish was exceedingly fortunate to have the services of Msgr. James McIntyre, who had been assisting his brother on weekends since the parish had been founded, and of Father Thomas Sullivan, Newman Chaplain at the University of Akron who generously assisted with Confessions and Masses on weekends. In June, 1962, Father Sullivan was transferred to Cleveland, but Father John McDonough, who assumed the post of Newman Chaplain at the University, continued to assist on weekends. When he was transferred in June, 1965 to become National Director of the Newman Apostolate, his place was taken by Father Thomas Dunphy, who still assists when needed.

With the additional priests, the number of Masses was increased to five each Sunday. Then in 1961 there were six Masses each Sunday, beginning at 7:00 AM with a Mass each hour on the hour. In 1964 the





Father McIntyre's Family in Front of the New Church

schedule returned to five Masses but in May, 1965 there were again six Masses each Sunday. When the addition to the church was under construction, there were eight Masses each Sunday with one of them at 1:00 PM and another at 5:30 PM. It was not until the summer of 1970 that a Saturday Mass was added to the schedule and finally in 1975 the schedule was set at two masses on Saturday and four Masses on Sunday morning — a schedule which has continued into 1978.

The number of students enrolled in the parish school continued to rise each year and in the 1955-1956 school year there were 500 students registered. Two classrooms were added that year in the basement of the school at a total cost of \$4,000. It soon became apparent that this would not suffice and plans were undertaken to organize still another fund drive for an addition to the school and a convent as well. All of the sisters had been living at St. Joseph convent since 1954, commuting back and forth every day. This was a burden on them, not only in the winter weather, but especially when there were extra events at the school or church in the evening or on weekends.

McCarthy Brothers and Associates from New York were hired to organize this fund drive, rather than leaving it up to the parishioners, and most of the planning had taken place by May, 1957. Under the general Chairmanship of Paul Hayden, the fund drive took place from May 5 to May 12. Vincent McDevitt and M. A. Prevost were Survey Co-Chairmen and John Fitzgerald and John Mundy were Memorial Co-Chairmen. Three hundred and seventy-one parishioners worked on this drive and during the week a total of \$252,000 was pledged. Since the payment of pledges was somewhat slower than in the past, the contract for the construction of the convent was not signed until October, 1958, with work getting underway that month. In April, 1959, bids for the school construction were opened, contracts were signed and construction began. The same general contractor, Hillsdale Corporation of Cleveland, was used for both buildings, with other contracts let to Krause Plumbing and Heating and to Ray Electric.

The enrollment in the school was 850 students for the 1958-1959 school year and speedy construction of the addition was urgent, but strikes among the truck drivers for the Building Supply companies slowed construction. When school began in September only three of the nine classrooms were ready necessitating the second, third and fourth grades to be on half day sessions. This inconvenience continued until



December when the entire addition was completed. The convent however was completed and occupied by the sisters in August, 1959. According to the records, including architects fees and incidentals, the total cost of the convent was \$144,000 and the school addition, \$168,000. Since the money pledged did not cover the entire cost, additional money needed to be borrowed.

When the original construction of the church and school was undertaken in 1954, \$300,000 had been borrowed from the Diocese. By 1958, including the cost of the property and interest, the amount owed had risen to \$338,813. Since the Diocese wished to have the original loan repaid so that it could loan the money to another newly established parish, \$300,000 was borrowed from Northwestern Mutual to pay back the Diocese, and then in March another \$100,000 was borrowed from Northwestern to finish the convent and the school. By the end of 1959, the total amount owed was \$430,000.

During the period of construction, in May 31, 1959, Father McIntyre celebrated his 25th anniversary as a priest, and a reception was held for him in the auditorium of St. Joseph's school. The children from Immaculate Heart of Mary School performed little skits or songs and he was presented with many gifts. The one gift which probably pleased him most was a new set of golf clubs.

On March 29, 1960, Bishop Krol administered the sacrament of Confirmation and also dedicated and blessed the new convent, the convent chapel and the school addition. When an appraisal of church property was completed in July, 1960, it was learned that the value of the convent and school addition had appreciated by \$48,000 since they had been built. In August, marking the eighth anniversary of the parish, Father McIntyre noted that out of a wild, swampy field there had risen a church, a rectory, a large school and a convent, with a net worth of around one million dollars. In addition there was a parish of about 1,000 families with close to 900 students registered in the school. Not a bad record for only eight years.

Payment on the indebtedness continued to be a strain for the parishioners, and each quarter \$8,150 had to be paid to Northwestern Mutual. Since in those early years the amount paid on the interest was much higher than the amount paid on the principal, the mortgage seemed to decrease very slowly. Therefore in the early 1960's Father McIntyre began to put the entire amount received in the Christmas and Easter collections toward retirement of the parish debt, a practice which he has continued to the







Air View of Church & Neighborhood in 1954

present. In 1963, the Christmas collection passed the \$10,000 mark, in 1971 it topped \$20,000 and in 1976, it passed \$30,000.

The first half of the 1960's reflected a shift of emphasis in the history of the parish. By that time the major portion of the building program had been completed, the parish organizations had been founded and the growing pains of a new parish had been overcome. In June, 1961, Father Hanzo was transferred and the parish welcomed its second assistant pastor, Father Gerald M. Whelan, also a newly ordained priest. The school was now well established and in 1962, it received a Superior rating from the Diocese, as well as an Academic Efficiency rating of 102. According to Msgr. Elwell, Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese, "If the degree of Academic Efficiency of a school is over 100, that parish, school and faculty is to be congratulated." A new school bus was added at this time, at the cost of \$7,253, and an outlet drive from the parking lot onto Lillis Drive was completed in the summer of 1962 at a cost of \$8,000.

Because it was anticipated that enrollment would increase to at least 1,000 students by 1963, Father McIntyre in the summer of that year had plans drawn for another addition to the school — a gymnasium, locker rooms for boys and for girls, a few more classrooms, a library and a large meeting room. This addition was to be added to the north end of the school and would be perpendicular to the original building, so that the school would have the shape of an "L". The entrance would have been on the east side of the addition. When the plans were presented to the Bishop, he refused permission for the addition much to the disappointment of Father McIntyre.

Local affairs were overshadowed however by the most important event in these years — Vatican Council II which was convened by Pope John XXIII in October of 1962. This council met in four separate sessions, finally closing on December 8, 1965. When the decrees of the council were promulgated, Catholics found the liturgy, rites and ceremonies of the entire church had been drastically altered. These decrees also heralded great changes in the lives of the clergy and religious. Things would never be the same again said many Catholics, some with great sadness, but many with great joy. Pope John, who had looked forward with eagerness to the results of the council, did not live to see the completion of any except the first session, dying in June, 1963. Vatican Council II continued, however, under the leadership of Pope Paul VI.

Before the council, in 1962, the religious life of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish had included several eight day Novenas, several parish missions, some of two weeks duration, a yearly Forty Hours devotion and an all night adoration on Holy Thursday, to mention only a few. In the 1960's novenas and missions became a thing of the past, Forty Hours was replaced with a single Eucharistic Day and nocturnal adora-



tion on Holy Thursday ended at midnight. Some changes were noticed by parishioners on the first Sunday of Advent, 1964, when congregational singing began during Mass. However Immaculate Heart of Mary started out slowly with only one hymn, "Humbly We Adore Thee" sung during Communion. Changes now came rapidly with the use of Commentators at each Mass as well as the new Eucharistic fast of only one hour, both instituted in 1965. Altars were moved closer to the people and priests faced the congregation. In October, 1967, after three years of partial changes, the Mass was said entirely in English.

In 1964, Father McIntyre celebrated his 30th anniversary as a priest and members of the parish decided to surprise him with a Benediction service in the church. Somehow preparations were handled so quietly that Father knew nothing of the plans and with the help of his good friend, Father Winters, he did not arrive at the celebration until everyone was gathered in the church. 800 people attended the service to honor their pastor and at the end Father was presented with a check for \$5,500 to be used for his first vacation since becoming pastor. In the next Sunday bulletin, Father said:

Joy — ingenuity — devotion — loyalty and love. These are the words that have kept coming to my mind since last Monday. They seem so fittingly to describe the spirit which animated our parishioners last Monday. That spirit, I can tell you, I so deeply appreciated. But how shall I ever be able to find the words really to tell you how much I appreciate you. . . . You can never know how much it meant to me as a priest. The Church is in good hands — it will prosper as long as there are people like you who love the priest. . . . I shall ever cherish Monday, May 25, 1964, as one of the most memorable of my life.

Due to the building program in 1967 and 68 and personal illness in 1968, Father did not take the vacation until September 1969, but when he did go, from his reports of his sojourn in Europe, and Ireland, he enjoyed every day of it.

In 1965, Sister Felice, Principal of the school, asked Sally Riede to help her form a Mother Monitor's program whereby the mothers would volunteer their time during the noon hour to help supervise the students. The Spring of the year was spent organizing the group and setting up the program. Much help was given by Dorothy Hampton, Alice Skoda, Billie Kadel, Mary Budd and Mary Lou Costigan. When the program got underway in the Fall, it proved to be a great success, appreciated by the teachers, parents and students. In fact the idea was so well received that it has continued uninterrupted through the present time.

During the decade of the 1960's, the athletic program of the school grew in importance. The Holy Name Society had given guidance and financial assistance to athletics since the school had opened, but in the mid 60's the program had grown to such an extent that an Athletic Board was formed to oversee all athletics and attempt to provide the necessary financial backing. This Board was made up of Jack



Air view of Church & Neighborhood in the early 1960's



Nelson, Paul Seikel, Bob Leiber, Hugh Bartlett, Phil Huber, Jean Latta, Sally Riede, George Plattis and Dick Nugent. The entire parish owes a debt of gratitude to the Holy Name Society and the members of the Athletic Board for the excellent program of athletics which has been carried on in the school under the sanction of the CYO. As of the twenty-fifth year of the parish there are programs or teams of Field Hockey, Bowling, Football, Basketball, Soccer, Wrestling, Volleyball, Ping Pong, Softball and Baseball. When it is considered that each of these sports needs coaches and assistant coaches, everyone realizes that the parish has been extremely fortunate to have men and women willing to give generously of their time to help youth of the parish engage in these activities.

In 1965 Father McIntyre, disappointed that the gymnasium addition could not be built, suggested to the people the project of finishing the church interior. Summer bulletins asked that a voluntary building fund be started which would be used to help defray some of the costs if the project was approved. Later at a public meeting, after much discussion, the project was approved by the parishioners, for not only finishing the church, but also for building an addition to the rectory and a garage. The addition to the rectory had become necessary when a third priest, Father Donald Peters, was assigned to the parish. He was attached to Immaculate Heart of Mary for four months, and in January, 1966, Father Robert J. Carlin was appointed assistant pastor. In June, 1966, Father Whelan left to become a Chaplain in the United States Air Force and Father Gerald E. Skully, newly ordained, was appointed to take his place. It was also in 1965 that the State Legislature approved a school bus bill providing for busing of all non-public pupils by the public school districts. This relieved the parish of the responsibility of maintaining its own school busses, and the bill has been a great help in bringing the students to the school, especially those living in Northampton township.

In April, 1967, the plans for the new construction were drawn and approved by the diocese. They included the transepts for the church, a meeting room under the east transept, new rooms behind the main altar, as well as the addition to the rectory and the garage. Estimates for the church addition were \$380,000, not including furnishings and air conditioning, the latter proposal having been vetoed by the diocese as too expensive. The rectory addition included a bedroom and study for a third priest, two extra bedrooms, two offices on the first floor and a meeting room in the basement, for an estimated cost of \$44,000. Father McIntyre announced that he had \$21,000 from the estate of an aunt which he would gladly contribute toward the cost of the rectory. Seese Construction was the general contractor and work began in August, 1967. By January, 1968, work had progressed to a point where the men were ready to break through the walls into the nave from the newly constructed transepts. Many will remember the temporary wall built well into the front of the church with a small altar placed on floor level for all Sunday Masses. They should also remember the lack of heat and the necessity of wearing sweaters and heavy



Father's 25th Anniversary





Side of church before addition April 1967



Temporary wall during construction of the transepts

coats to Mass. Rising costs caused the elimination of some items, such as new statues, new stations and stained glass windows, as well as necessitating the borrowing of more money. The actual construction cost of both buildings, including architect's fees and furnishings was \$437,167, the pews alone costing \$23,688. With the voluntary building fund totalling \$68,000, the parish borrowed \$239,000 from the Diocese at 5% interest. Added to the \$242,718 still owed to Northwestern Mutual and the \$95,261 owed to the Diocese in unpaid assessments, the total indebtedness of the parish in March, 1969 was \$575,979.

Even though Father McIntyre was hospitalized in August and September, 1968, Fathers Carlin and Skully carried on with the affairs of the parish and the supervision of the construction and the church was ready by Christmas. Everyone felt that the parish now had one of the most beautiful churches in the area and one of which they could be justifiably proud.

Another event of that year which pleased everyone was Mrs. Fiedler being chosen "Teacher of the Year" in the Diocese. Then in the next year, Mrs. Patrick was chosen for the same honor. It is not often that one parish has this honor bestowed on its teachers two years in a row — a tremendous tribute to everyone in the parish and in the school, but especially to these two dedicated teachers.

On Tuesday, October 7, 1969, the parish again surprised Father McIntyre with a celebration which marked his 35th anniversary as a priest and his sixty-first birthday. At the party, Helen Eliadis, President of Rosary Altar Confraternity and Paul Hayden, Vice-President of Holy Name, presented Father with a purse of \$1,000 and the keys to a 1970 Chrysler.

In that same year the Planned Offering Program (POP) was begun in the parish, with the goal of raising the Sunday offering to \$4,600 a week. With the efforts of a great many men and women, and months of contacts and visits, the Sunday offering did rise considerably. Also in that year, the Bishop sent out a directive which asked all parishes in the diocese to form Parish Councils. Therefore a Steering Committee was formed which spent many months planning for a council. With David Riede as Chairman, John Kunkler as Vice-Chairman, Bernadette Harris as Recording Secretary and Emma Buescher as Corresponding Secretary, this committee of thirty parishioners conducted a Parish Interest Survey, set up rules and regulations for membership in and elections to a council. It also spent much time preparing items for the parish bulletin explaining to the members of the parish the purposes of a Parish Council.

All of the months of planning came to fruition in January, 1970, when the first Parish Council of Immaculate Heart of Mary met. Permanent officers were elected in March, with David Riede serving as President, Ralph Stevens, Vice-President and Ann Biasella serving as the first Secretary. The Council from the day of its first meeting, became actively engaged in the affairs of the Parish, especially through its various committees — Finance, Human Relations, Liturgical, Properties, Education and Activities. Each of these areas has been of importance at various times in the 1970's and the Council has tried its best to assist Father McIntyre in managing the many affairs of a large parish.



State aid to private schools came about in 1969 and everyone felt that the days of worrying about paying for a parish school were ended, but in 1971 this aid was declared to be unconstitutional and was cancelled. From that point on, tuition has been charged students enrolled in the school, and much of the work of keeping payments current, setting policies and rates has been delegated to the Education Committee of Parish Council. The never ending problem of finances has been a major item of business for the Finance Committee while the Liturgical Committee has worked diligently on the changes in the liturgy, on the programs for Spiritual Renewal, on Holy Year ceremonies, as well as the holyday and holiday liturgies over the years. Even such mundane jobs as getting the parking lot blacktopped were handled by Council and its Properties Committee. The cost of this particular project was \$16,755 and it was covered by a special second collection sanctioned by Council. In nine months the bill had been paid, thanks to the additional help given by the children of the school, who donated \$4,000 from their Christmas card sales.

Father Skully was transferred in June, 1971 and the parish welcomed Father James Maloney, another newly ordained priest. In that same year, Mr. Caley Augustine became the organist for the parish, replacing Mrs. Patricia Ethridge who had been the faithful organist for many years. However with the expansion of the church building, the old organ was no longer adequate and Rosary Altar and Parish Council jointly began looking into possibilities of buying a new organ. An Organ Committee, composed of Edie Bozzelli, Clete Buescher, Dorothy Grote, Caley Augustine and David Riede spent many months looking and listening to various makes of organs. Finally the Committee recommended that an Allen Computer organ be purchased, and one was ordered in March, 1972. Rosary Altar Confraternity donated \$12,200 toward the purchase and Mrs. Mary Whiteside donated \$500 in the memory of her husband, Dr. George Whiteside. The organ was installed in the summer and first played on August 13, 1972, and on November



Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Parish Council

*Left to right:* Sister Miriam, Tom Haubert, Sister Evelyn, Barbara Kostensky, Jane Lee, Olga Ryan, Dick Hohan, Pres., Frank Fearon, Father McIntyre, Bill Weist, Father Clancy, and Mike Sandmann

*Left to Right:* Harold Reaman, Jack Guyer, Father Peyton, Dave Riede, Chuck Brunn, Barbara Schlosser, Fred Stimler, Marty Meadows and Dick Pingatelli. *Absent:* John Heaton, Bob Kerlee, Al Patrick, Paul Eisenman, Don Fitzgerald, Dan Hynes, Debbie Bozzelli and Carol Allen.



19, Father Charles Kroll presented a recital on the new instrument for the members of the parish. Through the years the parish has been most fortunate to have the volunteer services of many organists, assuring that there is music at all Sunday Masses. These people who have donated so much of their time include Marilyn Heintz, Mary Christ, Sally Riede, Jan Mottice, Christine Baldauskas, Jan Bolka, Stephanie Shields, Rose Zavatsky, Michelle Horner, Mary Bechter, Bill Webb, Eileen Christ and Sisters Michael Ann, Maureen, Annella and Ann Elizabeth. In the twenty-fifth year the organist is Sister Evelyn Flowers and the director of the Choir is Rosemary Conger.

The year 1974 was marked by several important events connected with the clergy and the religious of the parish. On June 9, the first Masses of Father Stephen Shields and Father William Severt were said in the church. On the previous Sunday, Father McIntyre read the proclamation of Paul VI opening the Holy Year, and then on the next day, June 3, Father was again surprised by the celebration of his 40th anniversary as a priest. A Benediction Service was held in the church that evening and Mayor Quirk of Cuyahoga Falls proclaimed the day to be Father McIntyre Day. The members of the parish presented Father with a years rental on a Ford LTD, a purse of \$2,000 and a bronze plaque, now in the vestibule of the church, which was unveiled by Richard Hohan. The plaque had a striking likeness of Father in the upper left and was inscribed with these words:

Reverend Thomas D. McIntyre, Founding Pastor  
Immaculate Heart of Mary  
In Grateful Appreciation for his many Years  
of love and dedication to his Parishioners  
on the 40th Anniversary of his ordination.

26 May 1974

All members of the parish felt that the words helped express their love and appreciation for the years their pastor had labored for them.

Also in June of that year, Father Carlin was transferred to SS Cyril and Methodius and Father Robert Clancy, a newly ordained priest, was appointed associate pastor. In July Bishop James Hickey became the Bishop of Cleveland. Then in September Sister Miriam Erb, CSA, became the new principal of the parish school, following Sister Marian Warta, CSA, who had served faithfully as principal for eight years, after having taught first grade in the school for six years before that.

On New Years Day, 1975, Bishop Hickey made his first visit to the parish and concelebrated the noon Mass. Soon after, Father McIntyre was hospitalized with a case of pneumonia, but it was discovered, after a series of tests, that within the past two years he had suffered a heart attack. His recovery was much slower than he wished, for he was forbidden by his doctor to take part in any of the affairs of the parish, even though he was staying in the rectory. Fathers Maloney, Clancy and Dunphy shouldered the work of administering the parish, doing such a fine job that when Father returned to full duty in the Fall he found everything in good shape.

During 1976 a parish census and questionnaire was conducted by the Parish Council and many good suggestions were received from parishioners. One item which was mentioned many times was that Bingo games should be started in the parish as a means of providing entertainment for people of the parish and surrounding area, and also as a means of providing added revenue for the parish. This suggestion was investigated by the Parish Council and after many months of study and purchasing of equipment, the first Bingo game was held on June 16, 1977. Because of a drop in enrollment in the school from 978 students in 1963, the temporary classrooms were no longer needed and during 1976 these rooms were dismantled and the parish once again had a social hall for receptions, card parties, bingo games and large meetings.

Another suggestion made was to somehow improve communication within the parish family. This resulted in the formation of a Public Relations Committee of Parish Council and eventually in the publication of a quarterly newspaper, *The Trumpet*. Also the Public Relations Committee has undertaken, under the direction of Robert Kerlee and Sister Miriam, a series of brief informative sheets dealing with various aspects of the educational program in the parish school.



On July 1, 1977 Father Maloney was transferred to St. Richards in North Olmstead and the parish welcomed Father Mark J. Peyton, a newly ordained priest, as its eighth associate pastor.

Early in 1977, there was talk about what could be done to celebrate the coming twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the parish. Suggestions were made at meetings of Parish Council during the year and soon plans began to take shape. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Tavolier agreed to serve as Co-Chairmen of the celebrations and soon other people were recruited, chairmen were appointed for various activities and all the plans fell into place. Family Day — September 11 — was planned under the chairmanship of the Harold Reamans and the Edward Campbells. The day began with a concelebrated Mass by Bishop Hickey, Father McIntyre and Father Robert Hanzo, along with fifty other priests. This was followed by a dinner for about 100, including clergy, sisters and their families. The dinner was catered and served by the ladies of the Rosary Altar Confraternity. Then there was a sky diving exhibition, a Gong show, a dance on the blacktop, bingo and in the evening a massive display of fireworks. On Monday, September 12, there was a wiener roast and games on the church grounds for those in grades seven and eight, with Grace Krochka in charge. Tuesday, September 13, was the successful Senior Citizens luncheon under the chairmanship of Ann Hohan and Sister Miriam. Thursday, September 15, was the commemorative night honoring Father McIntyre and the charger members of the parish. A liturgy was planned for the church including a homily by Father Thomas Sullivan and this was followed by a reception in the school hall, with Rosaleen Brady in charge. She and Mary Nugent had chosen slides of the past history of the parish and during the reception these were shown. Father McIntyre was presented with several gifts including the original sketch of him which had appeared in "Biography in Brief" in the *Akron Beacon Journal* the previous Sunday. The weeks activities culminated with a dinner dance at the Tangier Restaurant on Saturday, September 17 and a special program for teenagers at the Big Apple on Sunday, September 18 with Patty Kempel in charge.

The dinner dance, attended by over 500 people, was ably handled by a committee made up of the Bob Dannemillers, the Del Kostenskys, the Joe Dragans, the Ernie Vettters, the Ed Casenhisers and the James Lueckes, the latter two couples serving as Co-Chairmen of the committee.

During all the festivities in the church, the official logo of the anniversary was displayed. The design was a combination of the efforts of Ann Newman, a 7th grade CCD student and Danny Krochka, a 5th grade student at IHM school, both of whom received prizes for their designs.

It was also during this time that new statues and new stations were placed in the church, thus completing another phase of finishing the church interior. The stations were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mueller, and most parishioners remembered that Maxine Mueller had served long and faithfully as secretary of the parish. The statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary was a gift from Father McIntyre and the statue of St. Joseph was a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Long.

On Sunday evening, November 20, still as part of the anniversary celebration, Mr. W. Robert Morrison presented a recital on the Allen organ which was attended by over 300 parishioners. Finally on December 19, as the year drew to a close, a stained glass window depicting the Immaculate Heart of Mary, a gift to the parish from Father McIntyre, was installed at the end of the nave over the choir loft. This beautiful window demonstrates to all what can still be done in the way of finishing the interior decoration of the church in the coming years.

The first twenty-five years of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish came to a close at the end of 1977. It had been more than twenty-five years of brick and mortar, of mortgage payments, and Sunday and quarterly collections. It had been twenty-five years of growth as a faith community, a parish family formed by the diligence and example of its pastor and his associate pastors. It had been twenty-five years of countless hours donated by the parishioners in all manner of activities such as teaching CCD classes, coaching athletic teams, running bazaars, card parties and bake sales, raising funds and most importantly of increasing the spiritual life of both the children and adults of the parish. What more could be asked for, except for twenty-five more years as successful as the past twenty-five?



# TEACHERS AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL 1954-1978

Sr. Marie Pierre	1954-1956	Sr. Marian	1960-1974	Sr. Sandra	1967-1968
	1970-1973	Sr. Thomas	1961-1964	Miss Spreitzer	1967-1968
Sr. Maureen	1954-1957	Sr. Frances Therese	1961-1964	Sr. Cabrini	1967-1968
Sr. Felice	1954-1956	Miss Pat Beattie	1961-1963	Sr. Roseann	1968-1969
	1963-1966	Mrs. Rudolph	1961-1962	Miss Beverly Prechtel	1968-1971
Sr. Marilyn	1954-1957	Miss Agnes Fricker	1961-1970	Miss Carol Polizzi	1968-1969
	1963-1966	Mrs. Shirley Girard	1962-1963	Mrs. Martha Meadows	1968-1978
Sr. Mary Jane	1954-1957	Miss Haddad	1962-1964	Sr. Margaret Mary	1968-1974
Sr. Patrina	1954-1957	Mrs. Cummins	1962-1964	Sr. Marion Joyce	1968-1969
Mrs. Rettinger	1954	Mrs. Lois Kelley	1962-1965	Mrs. Kathy White	1968-1969
Miss JoRene Justen	1954-1958	Miss Sandy Giusti	1962-1963	Sr. Marietta	1968-1971
Sr. Michalene	1955-1956		1965-1966	Miss Anna Hutchinson	1969-1973
Miss Bernice Horning	1955-1956	Sr. Bernard	1962-1965	Miss Sarah Welch	1969-1971
Sr. Alacoque	1955-1960	Sr. Miriam	1962-1964	Mrs. Sandra Slattery	1969-1970
Miss Lotz	1955-1957		1968-1978	Sr. Betty (Mary Lynn)	1969-1970
Sr. Bernarda	1956-1963	Sr. Mary Luke	1963-1964		1971-1975
	1969-1970	Sr. Teresita	1963-1966	Mrs. Barbara Gonzi	1969-1971
Miss Woll	1956-1958		1971-1972	Mrs. Patrice Pavlich	1969-1970
Miss Horning	1956-1957	Miss J. Sandy	1963-1964	Miss Patricia Mittiga	1969-1972
Mrs. Irene Justen	1956-1969	Mrs. Patricia Parson	1963-1978	Miss Nancy Bogner	1969-1970
Miss Frances McGovern	1956-1958	Miss Mollica	1963-1964	Miss Katherine Thomann	1970-1971
Sr. Theresa	1957-1958	Miss Hayden	1963-1964	Mrs. Debbie Adamson	1970-1976
Mrs. Elizabeth Fiedler	1957-1972	Sr. Adele	1964-1967	Mrs. Nancy Vuduris	1970-1971
Sr. Irma	1957-1958	Sr. Michella	1964-1968	Mrs. Jeanne Falanga	1971-1974
Sr. Mary Luke	1957-1958	Miss Mastrolonardo	1964-1965	Miss Janet Woods	1971-1973
Sr. Cabrini	1957-1958	Miss Jeanne Connell	1964-1965	Mrs. Ann Nowac	1971-1978
	1967-1968	Sr. Michael Ann	1964-1965	Miss Mary Bowman	1971-1972
Sr. Roselyn	1957-1963	Mrs. DiMascio	1964-1965	Mrs. Mary Kay Keblesh	1971-1972
Sr. Annella	1957-1964	Mrs. Ursula Dorraugh	1964-1970	Mrs. Cheryl (Roe) Pinto	1970-1973
Sr. Gerarda	1958-1965	Sr. Mary Lois (Ambrose)	1964-1978		1975-1978
	1970-1978	Mrs. Jeyne Russell	1964-1968	Mrs. Sandy Smialek	1972-1973
Miss Myrtle Youngs	1958-1968	Mrs. Martin	1964-1966	Mrs. Victoria Rocker	1972-1973
Mrs. Joyce Schmid	1958-1959	Sr. Mary Rebecca	1964-1966	Mrs. Ruth (Mertson) Dettleff	1972-1976
Mrs. Elizabeth Ott	1958-1961	Sr. Carolyn	1965-1967	Miss Corrine DiLullo	1972-1975
	1963-1965	Miss Angela DiLullo	1965-1966	Mr. Dennis Smith	1973-1974
Mrs. Karg	1958-1959	Mrs. Cava	1965-1967	Miss Donna Wolf	1973-1974
Sr. Jerome	1958-1962	Sr. Anne Elizabeth	1965-1971	Mr. Michael Wagner	1973-1974
Sr. Coletta	1959-1962	Miss Mason	1965-1967	Miss Linda Kolton	1973-1978
Sr. DeLourdes	1959-1960	Mrs. Bernadette (Satler) Harris	1965-1968	Mrs. Kathy (Knapp) McGaughran	1973-1976
Miss Nancy Hendershot	1959-1962	Sr. Michael Francis	1965-1967	Mrs. Diane Large	1974-1978
Sr. Patrick Marie	1959-1963	Sr. Mary Elise	1966-1975	Mrs. Angela Abdoo	1974-1976
Sr. De Porres	1959-1960	Mrs. Korszoloski	1966-1967	Mrs. Mary Ellen Hogan	1974-1975
Miss Hanna Palo	1959-1960	Sr. Josita	1966-1969	Mrs. Joan Weist	1975-1978
Sr. Mary Henry	1959-1960	Miss Eileen Eddy	1966-1967	Mrs. Anna Dyak	1975-1978
Mrs. Elizabeth Sweeney	1959-1960	Sr. Laura Ann	1966-1968	Mrs. Corrinne Wagner	1975-1976
Miss Mary Kerr	1959-1960	Mrs. Volk	1966-1967	Sr. Evelyn Flowers	1976-1978
Sr. Frances Therese	1960-1964	Sr. De Paul	1966-1969	Miss Kathy Masa	1976-1978
Sr. Thomas	1960-1964	Sr. Marie	1967-1968	Mrs. Dora Umansky	1976-1977
Sr. Maristella	1960-1963	Sr. Marilyn Kosmaris	1967-1968	Miss Terri Jaroszewski	1976-1978
Miss Kathleen Mosher	1960-1961	Mrs. Jeanne Latta	1967-1978	Mrs. Esther Brenneman	1976-1978
Sr. Priscilla	1960-1964	Mrs. Lucille Esposito	1967-1969	Sr. Mary Wesig	1977-1978
Mrs. Mary Patrick	1960-1978	Mrs. Kathleen Stimler	1967-1978	Mrs. Linda Lehman	1977-1978
Miss Charlotte Lesneski	1960-1963	Miss Barbara McCurdy	1967-1968	Sr. Margaret Mary	1977-1978
				Mr. John Jones	1975-1978

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Thanks to all those who supplied information for  
this history, especially Sister Miriam  
This book is dedicated to Father Thomas D. McIntyre



# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

## Facts & Figures

Cost of Property — Portage Trail & Lillis Drive	\$19,000.00
Cost of the Church (1954)	250,000.00
Cost of the School (1954)	206,500.00
Original Mortgage with Diocese at 4½%	300,000.00
First collection in State Theater	685.00
First collection in new church (Easter)	3,108.75
Cost of the Rectory (1956)	55,000.00
Cost of the Convent (1958-59) (includes arch. fees)	144,000.00
Cost of the School addition (1959) (includes arch. fees)	168,000.00
Cost of the Rectory addition	59,118.00
Cost of the Church addition (excluding furnishings)	418,135.00
Mortgage with Northwestern Mutual (highest)	430,000.00
Owed Northwestern Mutual as of August 1977	29,000.00
Owed the Diocese as of August 1977	100,000.00

First Mass at the State Theatre	September 7, 1952
First Baptisms of IHM (at St. Joseph's)	August 24, 1952
Marian Schmitz, James Vegh, Karen Zuscak	
First death in IHM parish	August 25, 1952
Lita Patrice Jefferys	
First First Communion class at State Theatre (65)	May 3, 1952
First Mass in the new church	April 18, 1954
First Baptisms in the new church	April 18, 1954
James Moran, Marian Rich, Charles Ingersoll	
First First Communion class in the new church	April 18, 1954
Howard Laubert	
First First Communion class in the new church (95)	May 2, 1954
First burial from the new church	June 7, 1954
Charles Schmidt	

First wedding in the new church	May 29, 1954
John Robb & Frances Hibinger	
Blessed Sacrament reserved permanently in the church	September 12, 1954
School opens for first classes	September 9, 1954
Dedication of Church and School	May 22, 1955
First graduation class from the school	June 5, 1955
First Confirmation class in new church	October 18, 1955
Construction of Rectory begins	January 19, 1956
Construction of Convent begins	October 1, 1956
Construction of School addition begins	April 13, 1959
First Mass by newly ordained priest (John Viall)	May 24, 1959
Blessing of Convent and School addition	March 29, 1960
First graduation class to complete 8 years in the school	June 10, 1962
Highest enrollment in the school (1978)	September 1963
Construction of Church and Rectory additions begins	1967
Total Baptisms in the parish through August 1977	2,933
Total First Communions in parish through August 1977	3,306
Total Confirmations in parish through August 1977	2,695
Total Marriages in parish through August 1977	690
Total Deaths in the parish through August 1977	469



25th Anniversary Dinner Dance at the Tangier

(center) Watching slides of Parish history at  
Charter Members Reception



Pete and Mary Alice Tavolier General Chairmen of  
the 25th Anniversary

Father McIntyre's relatives at the Dinner Dance





Bishop Hickey and Father McIntyre greet  
parishioners after the 25th  
Anniversary Mass



Father McIntyre's family at the 25th  
Anniversary



The Choir at the 25th Anniversary Mass

The 25th Anniversary Mass



# Priests Ordained From Immaculate Heart Of Mary

John Viall  
John Raub  
James Viall  
John Burkley  
Steven Shields  
William Severt

## Rosary Altar Confraternity Presidents

Mrs. Leonard (Jerry) Ingersoll	1st four months of 1955
Mrs. Paul (Mary) Early	1955-56
Mrs. Rawleigh (Mary) Johnson	1956-57
Mrs. John (Mary Rita) Mundy	1957-58
Mrs. Thomas (Jane) Lee	1958-59
Mrs. Charles (Edith) Hicksted	1959-60
Mrs. Robert (Dolly) Griffiths	1960-61
Mrs. Charles (Harriet) Downey	1961-62
Mrs. Thomas (Sybil) Emmanuel	1962-63
Mrs. Fred (Kitty) Stimler	1963-65
Mrs. Lester (Virginia) Ford	1965-66
Mrs. Jeremiah (Kathleen) Carroll	1966-68
Mrs. James (Helen) Eliadis	1968-70
Mrs. David (Sally) Riede	1970-71
Mrs. Gilbert (Edie) Bozzelli	1971-73
Mrs. Edwin (Gail) Campbell	1973-75
Mrs. Ed (Carol) Allen	1975-76
Mrs. Dan (Ruth) Quillin	1976-78

## Legion Of Mary Presidents

Mrs. George (Elizabeth) Lang  
Mrs. Emil (Rose) Loell  
Mrs. Clete (Emma) Buescher  
Mrs. O. P. (Eleanor) Hibinger  
Mrs. James (Elizabeth) Ray

## IHM School Principals

Sr. Marie Pierre	1955-56
Sr. M. Jane	1956-67
Sr. M. Roselyn	1957-63
Sr. M. Felice	1963-66
Sr. Marian	1966-74
Sr. Miriam	1974-78

## Sisters From IHM

Jean Welch  
Carol Kandiko  
Mary Ann Wiesemann

## IHM Parish Council Presidents

David C. Riede	1970-72
Charles W. Labbe	1972-74
Frederick J. Stimler	1974-76
Richard T. Hohan	1976-78







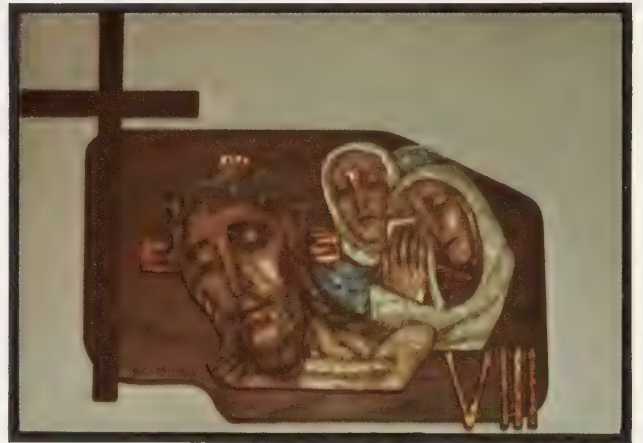


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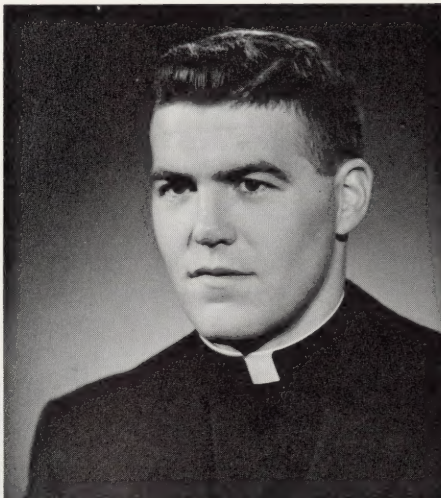




Our Thanks to these Priests who have aided us in our past twenty-five years



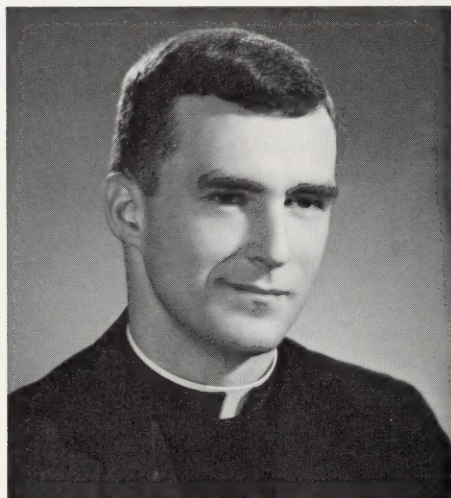
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1956-1961



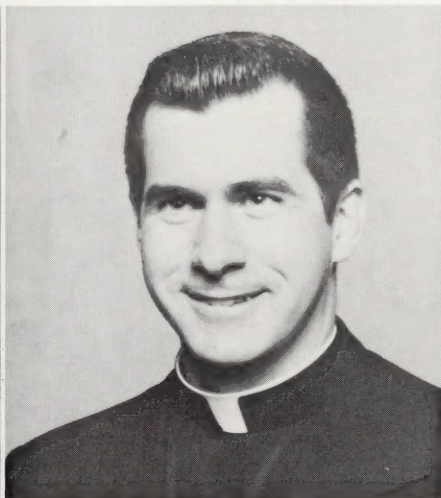
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1961-1966



Rev. Robert Carlin  
1966-1974



Rev. Gerald Skully  
1966-1971



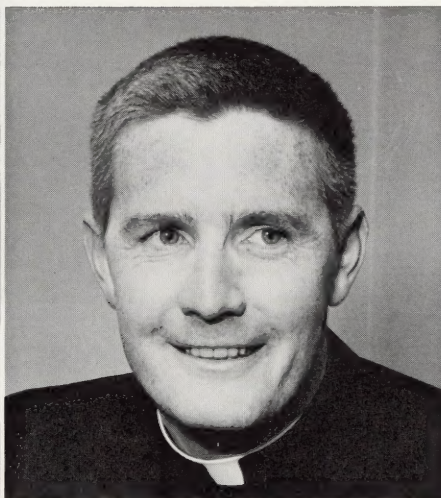
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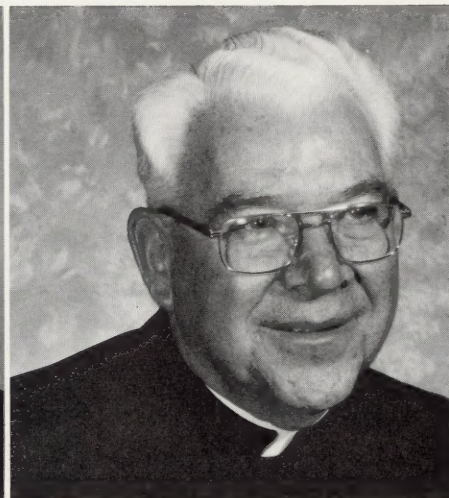
Rev. Thomas Sullivan  
Newman Center  
Assisted at IHM



Rev. John McDonough  
Newman Center  
Assisted at IHM



Rev. Thomas Dunphy  
Newman Center  
Assisted at IHM



Msgr. James McIntyre  
Assisted at IHM







